



Health and Wellness Initiatives

A new operational model was developed (implemented in August 2006) to increase access to health services for all matriculated students. Students now have a safety net of services for primary care, women's health, counseling and wellness, and basic diagnostic testing, with either no out of pocket expense or a very minimal basic service fee (generally, \$5-10).

The Wellness Exchange (WE) hotline, in its 2nd year of operation, received 5,493 calls from September 1, 2005 to May 11, 2006; this reflects a 65% increase from the first year. The WE was also awarded the 2006 Silver Award for Excellence in Student Health, Wellness, Counseling, and related programs from NASPA.

A Graduate Student Emergency Fund and expanded financial counseling was implemented for students who have significant financial hardship due to treatment of a health condition.

The 2005 Reality Show was created, written and performed at Welcome Week for all new first-year and transfer students. The all-NYU cast of Tisch students was directed by Liz Swados, a Tisch faculty member. Receiving overwhelmingly positive feedback, it serves to educate students on wellness issues and resources.

Grant funding of \$382,000 was secured from the Aetna Foundation and the NY Community Trust to lead a 5-college health initiative to improve the delivery of evidence based depression care through primary care integration with counseling.

The Moses Center received a \$25,000 grant from Ernst and Young for student accommodations.

Career Development Initiatives

The Office of Career Services was renamed the *Wasserman Center for Career Development* and moved to a new state-of-the-art 20,000-square-foot facility, offering expanded hours and services to undergraduate and graduate students and alumni. To help support this initiative, a \$135K naming gift was secured for its Graduate Student and Alumni Center.

"Life Beyond the Square," an annual survey of new undergraduate degree recipients shows that as of January 2006, 94.6% of respondents were employed (ave. starting salary, \$46,500) or enrolled in a graduate or professional school. 80% of respondents stated that they utilized the Wasserman Center in their job search. 45% of full-time employed respondents indicated they obtained their position directly through Wasserman resources.

Diversity Initiatives

Student Affairs completed a comprehensive review of its diversity services in the Office of African American, Latino and Asian American Student Services (OASIS), leading to a new and expanded role for the office, now the *Center for Multicultural Education and Programs*. The Center's expanded role and mission is to facilitate making diversity everyone's business at NYU.

NYU's first annual *Martin Luther King Celebration Week* was based on the theme, "Everybody can be great, because anyone can serve." The first MLK Award was presented to Professor Bryan Stephenson, NYU Law Professor. The marquee event included a keynote from Keith Beauchamp, a documentary filmmaker on the Emmett Till story. Over 1,500 people attended the 15 events, plus a community service experience.

The Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Student Services celebrated its 10-year anniversary. NYU has been recognized again as one of the Best Campuses in the country by the *Princeton Review* in addition to *Campus PrideNet*, a leading national organization for LGBT and ally student leaders.

A new Web tutorial service was implemented for international students at NYU that includes important information, such as entry requirements, maintaining status, academics, work, and living in New York.

Residential Education

Residential Education continues to expand its efforts in faculty engagement. NYU now offers 40 academically themed floors (*Explorations*) with Faculty Affiliates, 21 floors were new additions this year. The Faculty Fellow-in-Residence (FFIR) program, adding two new positions in Hayden Hall this Fall, now has a total of 14 Faculty representing seven NYU schools/colleges.

As of fall 2006, all residence halls will be smoke-free, following the unanimous recommendation of a working group composed of students, faculty, and staff, citing concerns about second-hand smoke and fire safety. Collaborating with the SHC, we are promoting support services for a smoke-free lifestyle through "The Great NYU Smokeout" program.

The Undergraduate Residential Life Working Group - composed of faculty, students, and administrators - offered a set of important and far-reaching recommendations for the student residence system. These recommendations were implemented during the spring 2006 lottery process and gave sophomores priority in selecting their housing, (follow by seniors, then juniors). These changes will build upon the momentum of the First Year experience (FYRE) and are designed to foster community in the sophomore year.

Student Resource Center

The Student Resource Center (SRC) continues to increase visibility and expand services to students. Walk-ins increased by 60% with 10,853 visits and the Info Line experienced a 42% increase with 5,924 calls.

Athletics

The Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC) named NYU as the 2006 Institution of the Year. This award (previous winners include Harvard, Princeton and Georgetown) recognizes excellence in academic and athletic performance and cites the 169 NYU student-athletes with GPAs of 3.5 or better. Three teams captured ECAC championships: men's and women's swimming and diving, and men's golf.

New NYU Traditions Focusing on Community Development

- *Back to the Square Week* encompassed a variety of welcome events hosting 12,881 attendees, with new marquee welcome back receptions for Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors and Grads.
- *Apple Fest*, a new initiative launched to provide opportunities to relax, play games, enjoy local entertainment, receive information about various resources and services, as well as a variety of tasty treats celebrating the apple, hosted over 1,000 students, faculty and staff.
- "*Tear It Up*" campaign was designed to increase event attendance and position varsity athletics as yet "another cool thing to do at NYU." Marquee events included: a men's and women's double-header basketball games, 2,300 and 2,100 attendees, respectively (roughly a 50% increase in typical attendance); and, a men's volleyball game, 950 attendees (nearly a 400% increase).
- *Breakfast for Dinner* in the Kimmel Center for commuters and graduate students in conjunction with Midnight Breakfast in the Residence Halls. 589 attended in the Fall and 686 attended in the Spring.
- *Super Bowl Party* for graduate students was a resounding success with 500+ participants.
- *Commuter Appreciation Awards Luncheon*, recognizing leadership among commuter students and members of the NYU community who supported their engagement with 225 participants.

Other Notable Endeavors

Members of the division facilitated the outreach and assistance to 100 NYU undergraduate and graduate students impacted by Hurricane Katrina. An intensive orientation was held for 90 visiting students from Gulf Coast institutions, with continued support throughout the Fall.

Division staff and the Student Resource Center served as the "face" of the Academic Resource Center (ARC), launched in November 2005. ARC provided assistance and guidance to students affected by the graduate assistant job action and had 1,123 in-person appointments, 279 telephone calls, and 498 emails.

A new Office of Research and Assessment was established in the Division, reflecting an increased emphasis on using evidence-based data to improve programs and services for students.

(Full report can be found at: <http://www.nyu.edu/student.affairs/publications/>)